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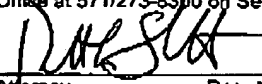
In re Application of

Applicant(s) : Cannon et al.
Serial No. : 10/808,131
Filing Date : March 24, 2004
Title : LASAR SCANNING UNIT HAVING A SENSOR FOR
DETECTING BOTH START-OF-SCAN AND END-OF-SCAN
POSITIONS OF A CORRESPONDING LASER BEAM
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Attached to the Notice of Allowability dated July 14, 2006, the Examiner provided an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. That statement provides:

[T]he examiner concurs with applicant's arguments filed 4/24/06 that the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest to one of ordinary skill in the art, a sensor at the start of scan position and a sensor at an end of scan position, the end of scan position being spaced apart from the start of scan position as now specifically claimed in independent claim 1. More detailed independent claim 12 also contains such a limitation.

For purposes of clarification, applicants note that claim 1 recites in pertinent part:

said post-scan assembly comprising a sensor for detecting the beam at a start-of-scan location and an end-of-scan location spaced from said start-of-scan location along said scan path

Also for purposes of clarification, applicants note that independent claim 12 recites in pertinent part:

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a post-scan assembly receiving said first, second, third and fourth scanning beams reflected from said scanning device and causing said beams to move along a corresponding scan path, said post-scan assembly comprising:

a first sensor for detecting one of said first and second light beams at a start-of-scan location and an end-of-scan location along a corresponding scan path; and

a second sensor for detecting one of said third and fourth light beams at a start-of-scan location and an end-of-scan location along a corresponding scan path

Applicants also note for purposes of clarification, that the following remark was provided in the Amendment filed on April 19, 2006:

The reference of Clarke et al. does not disclose a scanning unit operating such that a sensor detects a light beam at both a start-of-scan location and at an end-of-scan location as the light beam travels along a scan path.

Respectfully submitted,

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